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September 20, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: WT Docket No. 17-69  
WC Docket No. 17-108**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, September 19th, I spoke briefly by telephone with David Grossman of Commissioner Clyburn's staff, and separately with Travis Litman of Commissioner Rosenworcel's staff, to discuss matters in the above-captioned dockets.

This notice for those conversations is timely filed pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2)(iv) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> The annual report on wireless competition, in WT Docket No. 17-69, appeared on the Sunshine notice meeting agenda released yesterday, September 19th.

In my calls with both staff members, I summarized a letter that Free Press had filed that same day in both of the above-captioned dockets.<sup>2</sup> This letter to Chairman Pai explained that the draft of the forthcoming annual report had deleted historical context for wireless investment over the course of the past several years – fixating instead, improperly, on a single year's investment changes. The draft report also deleted passages, routinely included in prior years' annual reports, on the cyclical nature of such investments and the impropriety of expecting capital expenditures to increase by the same amount year after year.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: David Grossman  
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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2)(iv) ("For presentations made on the day the Sunshine notice is released, any . . . memorandum summarizing an oral *ex parte* presentation . . . must be submitted no later than the end of the next business day.").

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Free Press to Chairman Ajit Pai, WT Docket No. 17-69, WC Docket No. 17-108 (filed Sept. 19, 2017), [https://www.freepress.net/sites/default/files/resources/free\\_press\\_wireless\\_competition\\_ex\\_parte.pdf](https://www.freepress.net/sites/default/files/resources/free_press_wireless_competition_ex_parte.pdf).